



Athabasca University Students' Union

Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 23, 2021 at 6:30pm MST

Council: President Stacey Hutchings (chair), Vice President External Karen Fletcher, Vice President Community and Wellness Natalia Iwanek, Councillor Amber McDuffe, Councillor Cassandra MacKay, Councillor Dur-E-Najaf Syed, Councillor Eva Notter, Councillor Katy Lowe, Councillor Leah Campbell, Councillor Meredith Charlton, Councillor Regan Johnson, Indigenous Circle Representative Jo-Mary Crowchild-Fletcher (non-voting)

Staff: Executive Director Jodi Campbell, Governance and Advocacy Coordinator Duncan Wojtaszek

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Agenda and Minutes

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| 1.0 | Announcement of Accessibility Officer | S. Hutchings |
| 2.0 | Land Acknowledgement
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| 3.0 | Call for Attendance | S. Hutchings |
| 4.0 | Approval of Agenda
Motion: BIRT AUSU Council approves the November 23, 2021, meeting agenda. | S. Hutchings |

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C. MacKay / E. Notter (Carried)

New Business

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| 5.0 | Election of Vice President Finance and Administration | J. Campbell |
| 5.1 | Opening of the floor to nominations <ul style="list-style-type: none">• L. Campbell self-nominated• C. MacKay self-nominated | |
| 5.2 | Closing of nominations | |
| 5.3 | Allotted time for each candidate to present an election speech, not to exceed five (5) minutes per candidate. Candidates will be asked to speak in alphabetical order by last name. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• L. Campbell provided her election speech. | |

- C. MacKay provided her election speech.

5.4 Question period for nominees. Each Councillor will be limited to one question directed to each individual candidate and one question directed to all candidates. There will be a maximum of one minute allotted to ask each question and two minutes allotted to each answer. Question period may be extended at the chair’s discretion if time allows.

- S. Hutchings asked what motivated the candidates to run for council in the first place; L. Campbell replied advocacy for students; C. MacKay replied speaking on behalf of students with disabilities.
- K. Fletcher asked about policy experience and time commitments; C. MacKay replied with high school and community experiences; L. Campbell replied with time flexibility.
- N. Iwanek asked about what the candidates would like to accomplish as VPFA; C. MacKay replied with deeper understanding of AUSU; L. Campbell replied with policy development work.
- A. McDuffe asked what flexibility and work-life balance might be required; L. Campbell replied occasional weeks might need less than 30 hours of work; C. MacKay feels confident going from 50 hours a week to 30 hours a week would be a better balance.
- D. Syed asked about committee experience; L. Campbell replied with her experience with the AUSU budget; C. MacKay replied with the process of giving out awards on the Awards Committee.
- K. Lowe asked about the strongest asset to the role; C. MacKay relied with her past experience with budgets; L. Campbell replied with past work with Brandon Police Department and at an accounting firm.
- M. Charlton asked about work ethic; L. Campbell replied discussing her time management and experience; C. MacKay replied that she gives her all to positions she has had in the past.
- R. Johnson asked what animal represents them; C. MacKay replied a dog; L. Campbell replied with a cat.
- J. Crowchild-Fletcher asked about the TRC Calls to Action; L. Campbell and C. MacKay replied they are eager to do so.

5.5 Voting conducted by secret ballot using the on-line Simply Voting system.

5.6 Announcement of results by the Executive Director.

- J. Campbell announced L. Campbell as the successful candidate.

Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next meeting of AUSU Council will be: January 20, 2022
Motion to Adjourn

Summary of Action Items

Action Item	Status	
	Name	Deadline
Review period between course reviews in Position Policy 9.21.	Executive Committee	Ongoing Nov. 2021